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**Docket No. GC396-2**

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**AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2002 finally rejecting claims 1, 3, 5 - 15 and 27 - 40, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider and enter the instant amendment. Concurrently filed herewith is a Notice of Appeal and a petition for a two-month extension of time and fee authorization.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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Please cancel claims 1, 3 and 13 without prejudice.

Please enter the following clean copy of the amended claims. A marked-up version is attached hereto as Appendix I. Additionally, a copy of the status of the claims has been included as Appendix II.